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NCOIL HIGHLIGHTS FEBRUARY AS INSURANCE CAREERS MONTH

Supports Effort to Inspire Young Professionals to Choose Insurance as a Career

Manasquan, NJ – The National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL), the nation’s premier legislator-led insurance public policy organization, joins the Insurance Careers Movement (ICM) in highlighting February as the sixth annual Insurance Careers Month. The ICM includes more than 1,000 insurance carriers, agents, trade associations, and industry partners working to engage the next generation for careers in insurance.

“It’s important that younger generations are aware of all the opportunities that a career in insurance can offer,” said CA Assemblyman Ken Cooley, NCOIL President. “Prior to serving in the California Assembly, at various times in my California legislative staff career, I ran both the Assembly Finance and Insurance Committee and also the State Senate Insurance Committee. As a lawyer, I also served 18 years as counsel to State Farm Insurance and appeared on its behalf in state capitols around the US. I learned so much in all these roles and that knowledge has really helped me be a more effective legislator. It is great that the ICM works to inspire young professionals to pursue a career in insurance”

“An essential moment in my career was when I left private practice to accept a position at MetLife,” said NCOIL CEO, Commissioner Tom Considine. “I ended up staying at MetLife for 18 years, only leaving to become the Banking and Insurance Commissioner of New Jersey. I would greatly encourage anyone, especially the next generation, to consider a career in the insurance industry, as there are many different and fulfilling paths such a career may take you on.”

SC Rep. Carl Anderson, Vice Chair of the NCOIL Articles/Bylaws Committee said, “As an insurance agent, I am happy to acknowledge February as Insurance Careers Month, which also coincides with Black History Month. Unfortunately, there is a shortage of Black Americans in leadership and other levels of employment within the insurance industry. Encouraging more Black Americans to pursue a career in insurance will lead to a more diverse and inclusive insurance



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industry. The insurance industry has provided me with a rewarding career, and I look forward to seeing younger generations take advantage of the opportunities the industry has to offer.”

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